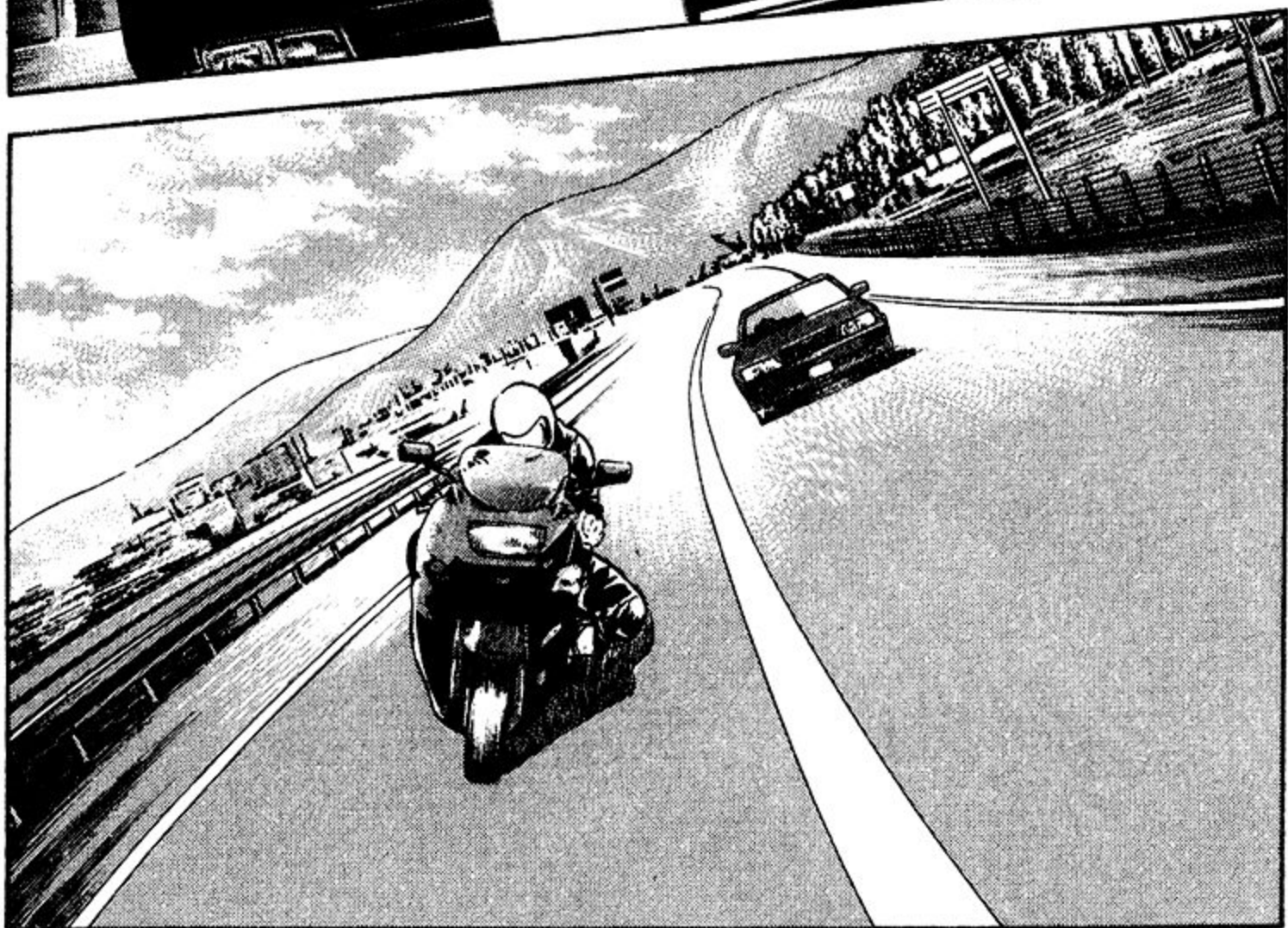
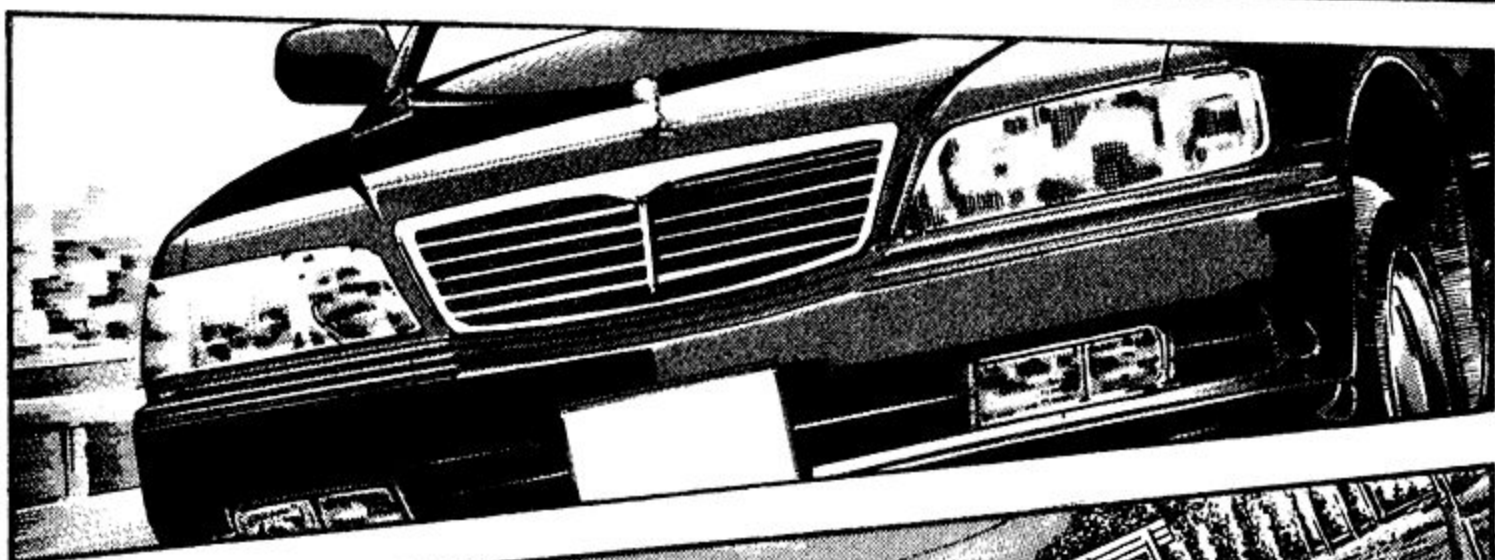


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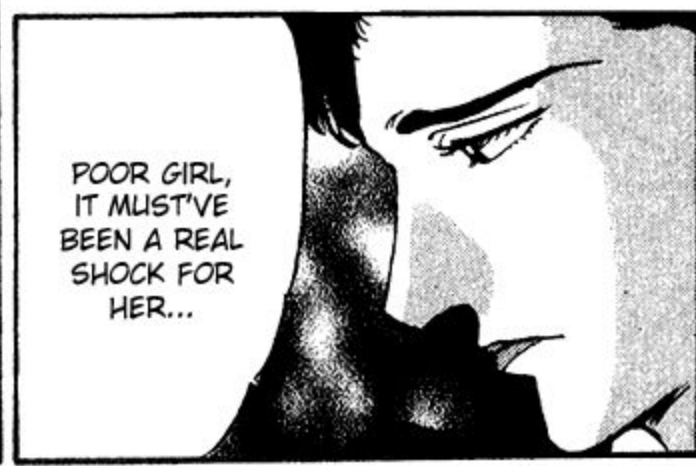




LET ME
FINISH
THIS LAST
WORK!

I DON'T THINK
I'LL EVER SEE
GOTO AGAIN,
BUT...

MISS
KUSAMA
...



POOR GIRL,
IT MUST'VE
BEEN A REAL
SHOCK FOR
HER...



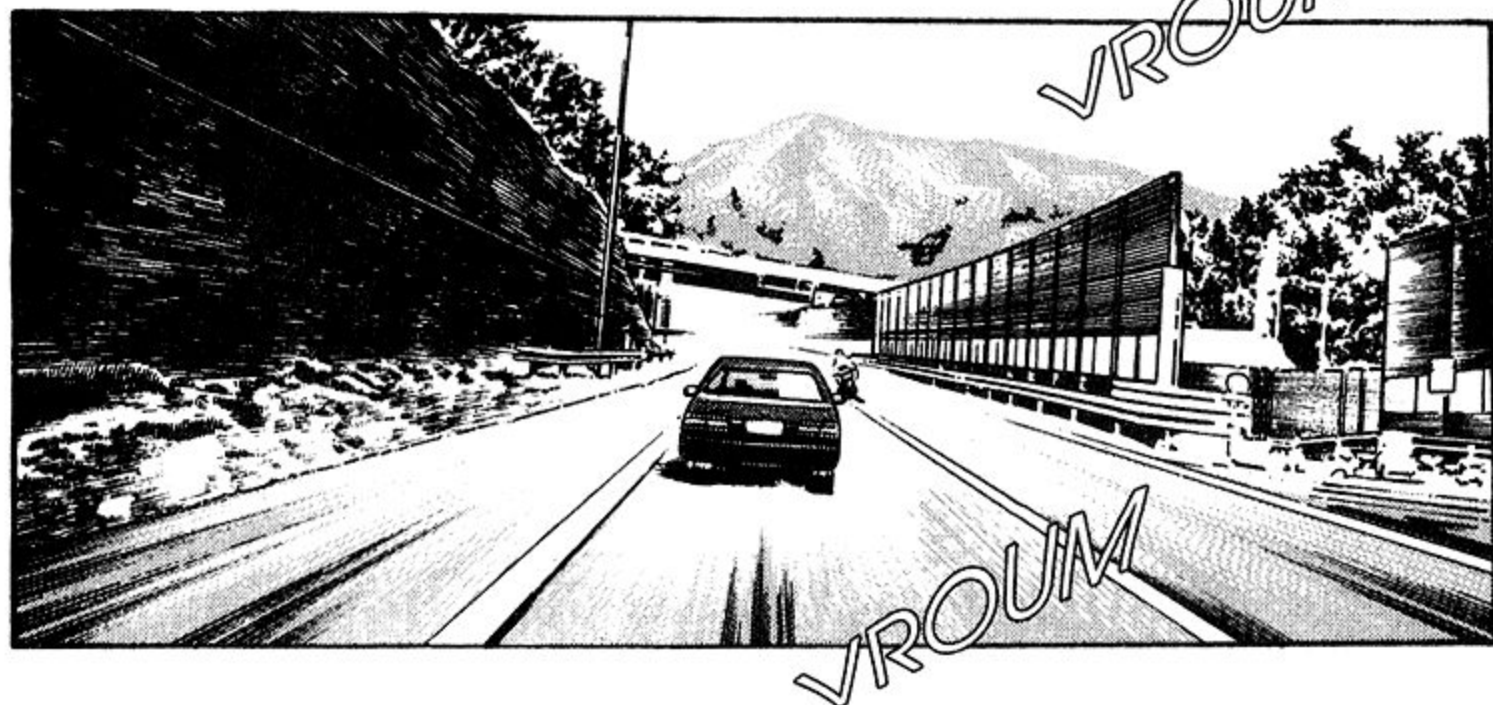
OKAY,
I'LL WAIT
FOR YOU,
EVEN IF
I KNOW
THERE'S
ALMOST
NO HOPE!

I'LL TAKE
CARE OF
FINDING MR.
KAKINUMA'S
SECRETARY,
MISS KYOKO
KATAOKA!

THOSE FIVE
MINUTES OF
BLANKNESS
DURING HER
HYPNOSIS...



I DON'T WANT TO BE LONG...
WE'RE TWO PEOPLE THAT HAVE
BEEN CONTROLLED BY HYPNOSIS!
THOUGH, I FELT A MYSTERIOUS URGE
WHEN WE MET! ONE MONTH AFTER
MY CONFRONTATION WITH KAKINUMA...
IF I SURVIVE, I WILL WAIT FOR YOU AT
THAT BRIDGE ON AUGUST 7TH AT 3 A.M....



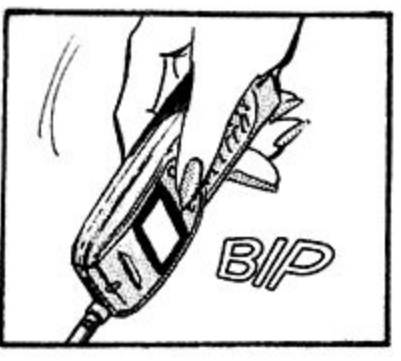
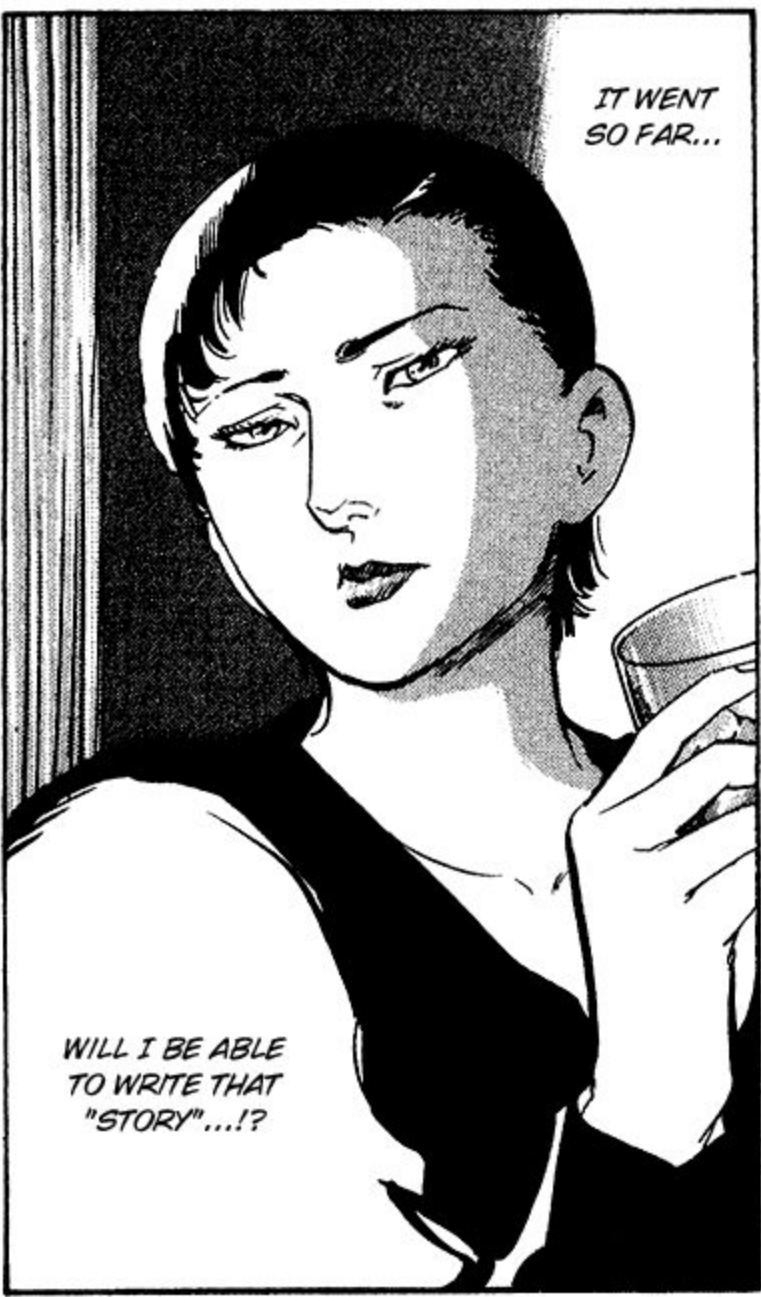


I DON'T FEEL
ANYTHING... I DON'T
EVEN FEEL SADNESS...
I'VE EVEN GIVEN UP
HOPE...

WHEN THE TIME COMES,
I'LL FIGHT HIM...

THAT IS MY ONE AND
ONLY CHANCE...











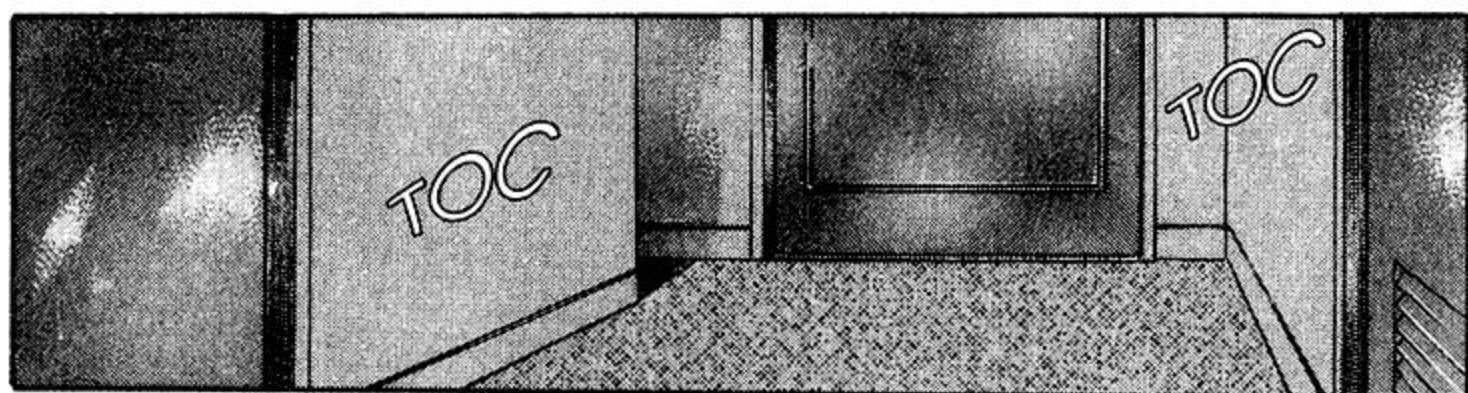
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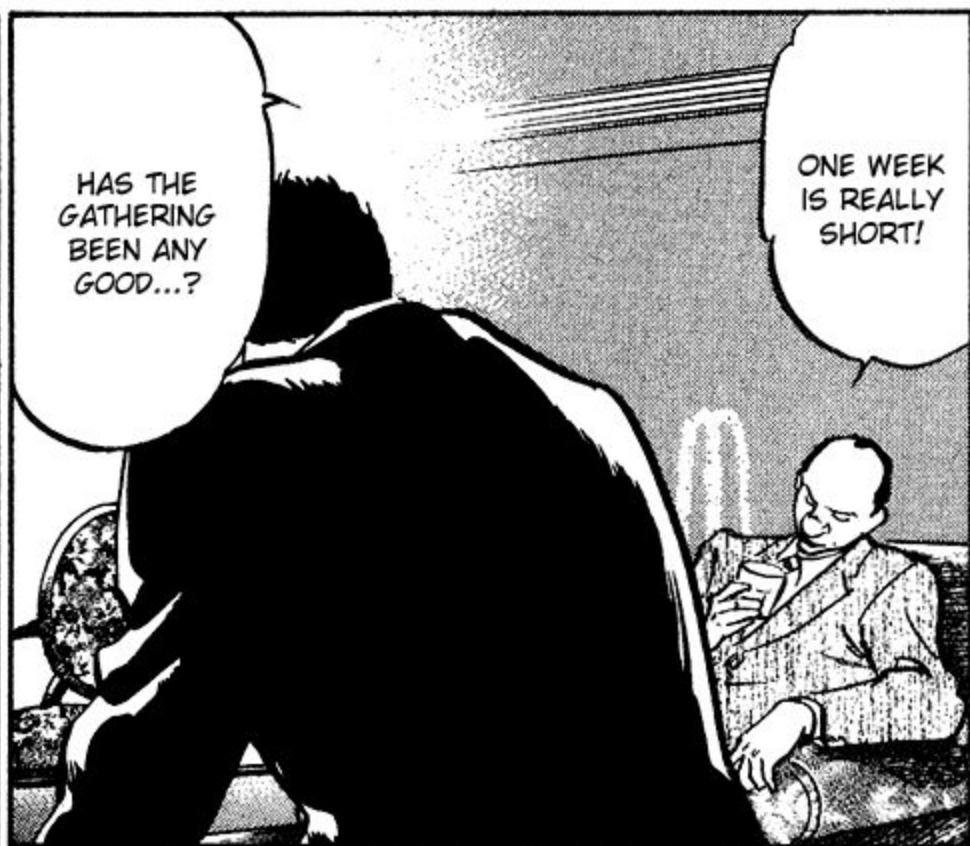
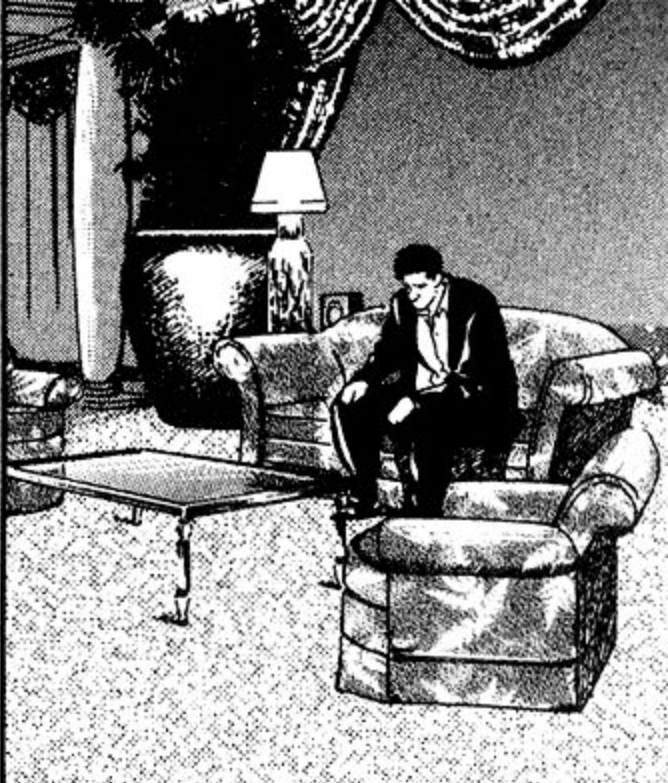


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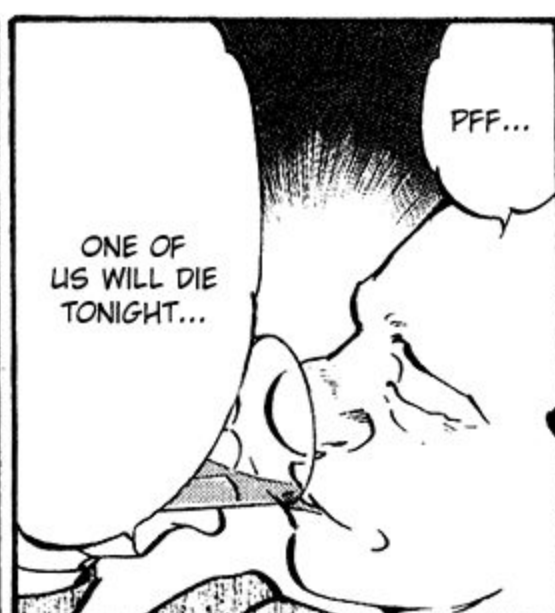
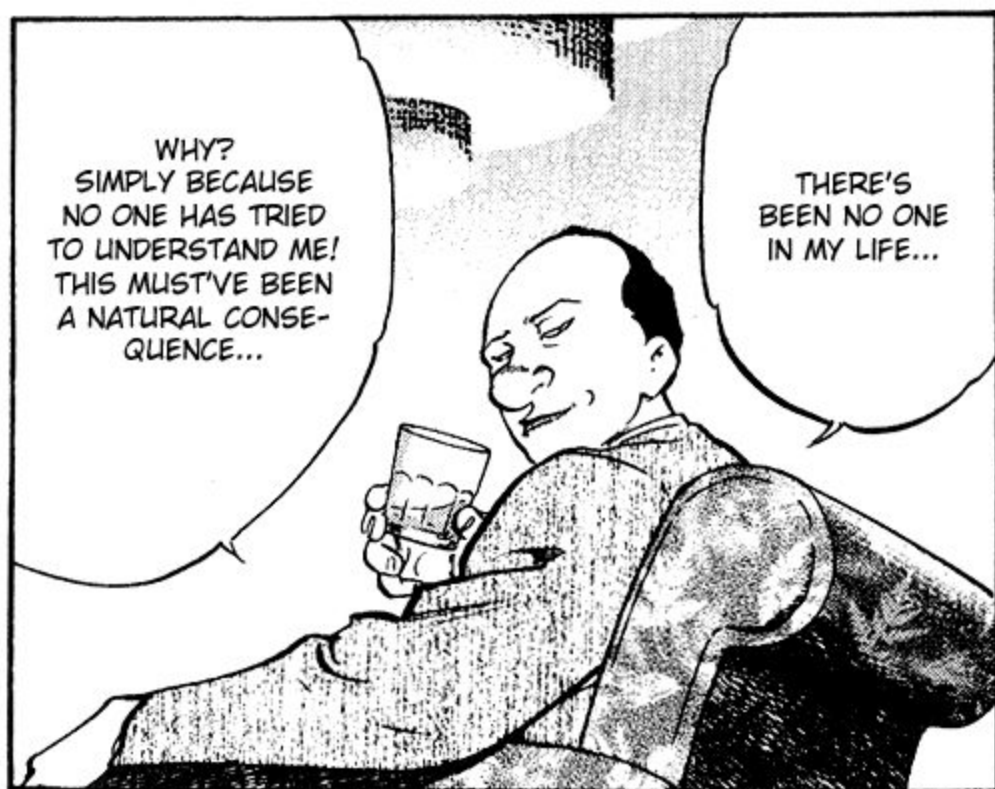
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YOU HAD THE BEST GRADES IN THE CLASS, BUT YOU EMITTED A STRANGE AURA... EVEN THOUGH ALL THE OTHERS MADE FUN OF YOU WHEN YOU SANG...

I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO FELT SUCH A STRONG EMOTION!



AND THAT'S BECAUSE YOU REALIZED THAT YOU WERE ASHAMED OF HATING ME!! THAT'S THE REASON!!



THAT INNATE DISTRUST, WHICH WAS A CHARACTERISTIC OF YOURS BUT ALSO YOUR MAIN HANDICAP, TOTTERED...

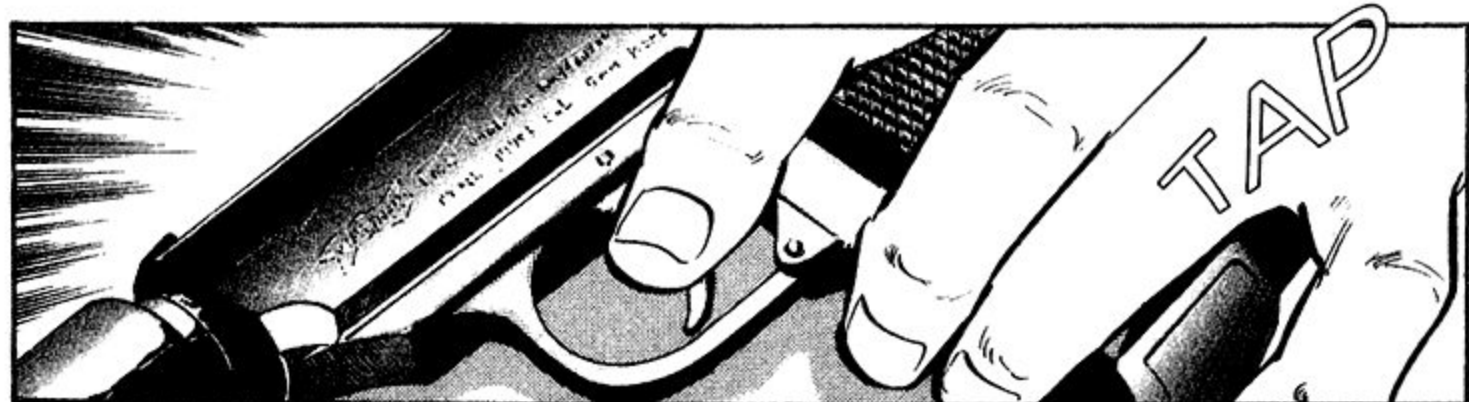


ACCEPT YOUR
DEFEAT AND
NEVER TRY
TO SEE ME
AGAIN!



BUT
I'M NOT
A MUR-
DERER!

YOU'VE
LOST...!



PFF... DO YOU
REALLY BELIEVE
MY FEELINGS ARE
PERCEPTIBLE...?

THAT'S
WHAT I
THOUGHT,
I WIN!



THAT FAMOUS
EVENT IS SOME-
THING MORE
CONCRETE!!

